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SUBJECT: UNITA EXPLAINS REASONS FOR THE NON-RETURN OF COFFEE  
WORKERS TO NORTHERN ANGOLA

1. THE HEAD OF THE UNITA REGIONAL OFFICE IN NOVA LISBOA TOLD A CONGEN OFFICER HIS PARTY WOULD NOT PERMIT SOUTHERN COFFEE WORKERS TO RETURN TO THEIR TRADITIONAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN ANGOLA UNTIL FNLA COULD GUARANTEE THEIR SECURITY. HE SAID UNITA HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE COFFEE GROWERS TO IMPROVE WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE OVIMBUNDU LABORERS (CALLED BAILUNDOS BY THE PORTUGUESE), AS WELL AS TO END THE PRACTICE OF MASS CONTRACTS ARRANGED THROUGH A MIDDLEMAN. HOWEVER THE SOCIAL FRICTION BETWEEN THE BACONGO AND THE OVIMBUNDU IN THE NORTH CONTINUES AND UNITA FEELS FNLA WILL NOT ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE SOUTHERNERS FROM PHYSICAL ATTACKS BY THEIR BELLIGERENT NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

2. ASIDE FROM THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS IMPASSE, WHICH MAY MEAN AN ANGOLAN COFFEE CROP 40 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR, THIS PROBLEM POINTS UP A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS DIVERGENCE OF INTERESTS BETWEEN FNLA AND UNITA THAT TRANSCENDS POLITICS AND TOUCHES THE ETHNIC ROOTS OF THE TWO MOVEMENTS. THE SOUTHERNERS WANT TO WORK BUT

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THE ONLY JOBS ARE IN THE NORTHERN COFFEE FIELDS, WHERE THE

BACONGO RESENT THE SOUTHERN PRESENCE. PHYSICAL ATTACKS BY  
BACONGO ON OVIMBUNDO ARE COMMON AND MASSACRES HAVE TAKEN PLACE  
AS RECENTLY AS AUGUST, 1974. UNTIL FNLA GIVES ADEQUATE ASSURANCES  
OF PROTECTION FOR THE OVIMBUNDU IT IS UNLIKELY ENOUGH WORKERS WILL  
FILTER NORTH TO HARVEST THE 1975 CROP.  
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